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Cuban Exiles Acquitted In Gun Smuggling Plot

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ORLANDO, Fla., June 4 (UPI)—Cuban exile leader Orlando Bosch and three associates won acquittal today on gun smuggling charges but received a stern lecture from a Federal judge.

After the verdicts of innocent were delivered, U.S. District Judge George C. Young called Bosch and the others to the bench and warned them their acquittal did not mean freedom to violate U.S. laws. The judge's statement apparently was prompted by an interview Bosch gave newsmen Friday in which he said he was planning more raids against Cuba.

The others freed were

Marcos Rodriguez Ramos, Jose Diaz and Guerulio Gutierrez. They had been arrested in June, 1965 after customs agents seized 18 100-pound aerial bombs at a house in Zellwood, Fla., along with a life raft and maps of Havana.

Bosch took the stand in his defense Friday and said the munitions were part of a Central Intelligence Agency plot to bomb an oil refinery in Havana and that the bombs were provided by a CIA agent named Bill Johnson.

The prosecution presented no rebuttal of this and did not present Johnson as a witness.